

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. Apparatus comprising:

an automated transaction machine including at least one transaction function device, a server in operative connection with the transaction function device, at least one HTML document accessible through the server, wherein at least one first document includes indicia corresponding to a status of the transaction function device.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the transaction function device is operative responsive to an HTTP message received by the server.

- Ins.B4 3. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the status is representative of a fault in the transaction function device.

4. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the machine includes a plurality of transaction function devices, and wherein the HTML document accessible through the server include indicia corresponding to a status of each of a plurality of transaction function devices.

5. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the machine is an ATM.

6. The apparatus according to claim 1 and further comprising a portable terminal, wherein the portable terminal includes a browser, wherein the terminal is operative to access documents through the server.

7. A method comprising:

operating a transaction function device in an automated transaction machine, the transaction function device having an associated status; and

generating at least one first HTML document including first instructions corresponding to the status of the transaction function device.

8. The method according to claim 7 and further comprising the step of accessing the first document with a terminal including a browser.

9. The method according to claim 8 wherein the accessing step includes accessing the first document with a portable terminal adjacent to the automated transaction machine.

10. The method according to claim 8 wherein the accessing step includes accessing the first document through a network with a terminal located remotely from the automated transaction machine.

11. The method according to claim 7 and further comprising the steps of:

receiving a second HTML document with the machine, the second document including second instructions; and

operating the transaction function device responsive to the second instructions.

12. Apparatus comprising:

an automated transaction machine including a plurality of transaction function devices, wherein each of the transaction function devices has an associated status, wherein the status is indicative of an operative condition of the transaction function device;

a transaction machine computer in operative connection with the transaction function devices, and further comprising machine software executable in the computer, wherein the software is operative to cause the computer to generate at least one HTTP record including indicia representative of the status of at least one transaction function device, and wherein the software further includes a server, wherein the first HTTP record is accessible through the server.

13. The apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the HTTP record comprises an HTML document.

14. The apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the HTTP record comprises a data object.

15. The apparatus according to claim 14 and further comprising a terminal computer outside the automated transaction machine, a communications connection operatively connecting the transaction machine computer and the terminal computer, and further comprising terminal software in the terminal computer, wherein the terminal software and the machine software are operative to transfer the data object from the transaction machine to the terminal computer.

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